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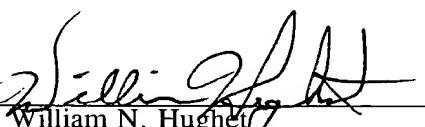
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Articles entitled: "Fast approximate energy minimization via graph cuts", "Automatic reconstruction of 3-D stationary objects from multiple uncalibrated camera views", Reconstructing complex surfaces from multiple stereo views", Correlation-based estimation of ego-motion and structure from motion and stereo", "Dense depth map reconstruction: A minimization and regularization approach which preserves discontinuities", and Shape reconstruction in projective grid space from large number of images".

The documents are being submitted within 3 months of the filing or entry of the national stage of this application or before the first Office Action on the merits, whichever is later, therefore no fee or statement is required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b).

To assist the Examiner, the documents are listed on the attached form PTO-1449. It is respectfully requested that an Examiner initialed copy of this form be returned to the undersigned.

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